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REMARKS

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1. On 10 June 1958, the Putlitz Kaserne on Lemeler Strasse, Rostock (M15/0 11) quartered about 1,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with artillery insignia. The installation was occupied to capacity. About 300 unarmed troops were engaged in drill in the barracks yard and 300 other troops practiced aiming with hand grenades. About 200 soldiers rested in front of a garage. Nine soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and carrying signal equipment and a range finder, marched into the installation from the restricted area 1,100 meters southwest of the barracks installation. Ten guns of about 37-mm caliber and covered with canvas stood in the barracks yard. A wooden structure, apparently a new shed, about 100 meters long, 20 meters wide and 3 meters high, was built along the fence on the west side of the installation.

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2. On 10 June, the barracks installation on Ulmenstrasse was occupied to capacity by a naval unit and another unit of about 400 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. No training activity or heavy weapons were observed. A large tent, about 50 meters long, 15 meters wide and 3 meters high, was erected on the east side of the barracks yard. The construction work on the annex buildings was continued. Truck [redacted] came from the 50X1-HUM Putlitz Kaserne, entered the installation. (2)

3. On 10 June, a restricted area of about 300 x 610 meters and surrounded by a barbed fence 2.5-meter high was observed 1,500 meters southwest of the Putlitz Kaserne, about 50 meters south of the road to Gross-Bornless. The first roofs of two sheds of 30 x 12 x 15 meters projected over the fence. [redacted] the restricted area was not used to quarter troops. Truck [redacted] stood at the gate. (2)

4. Between 1 and 6 June, the Putlitz Kaserne on Lemeler Strasse was occupied by about 1,500 troops. From 12 to 15 x 76.2-mm AT guns and 20 guns of a heavier caliber were seen in the bivouac area. Four armored half-track vehicles each towed a 76-mm AT gun. One half-track vehicle mounted a machine gun, a second a 20-mm gun and the two others a 17-mm AT gun each. The troops in groups of 30 to 40 men practiced with 76.2-mm AT guns and were engaged in clearing the guns.

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5. During the period from 1 to 6 June, the barracks installation on Umentrasse was occupied by about 800 men. Some wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and some artitank artillery insignia. A naval unit of about 100 troops was also quartered there. Fifteen 76.2-mm guns stood in the barracks yard on 1 June. [redacted]

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6. After 21 May 1952, the government (Labor office) was occupied by soldiers who wore artillery, tank, engineer or signal insignia. Servicemen of various branches of service marched from the labor office to the barracks installation on Umentrasse on a due. (3)

7. On 6 June, the Furtlitz Kasernne on Furtlitzstrasse quartered troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with black-bordered red or crimson epaulets. Trucks [redacted] entered the installation. 50X1-HUM

8. On 6 June, the barracks installation on Umentrasse was occupied in part by an army unit of soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and an equal number of naval personnel. Trucks [redacted] entered the installation. 50X1-HUM
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9. During the period from 21 May to 7 June, the former Flugplatz Kasernne in Rostock-Markgrafenheide which quartered laborers. No troops were noticed there. The laborers had not been informed regarding a vacation. According to a rumor, Soviet troops were quartered in camps in the woods of the so-called Rostock West. (4)

10. On 26 May, 10 x 85-mm AT guns and about 20 x 100-mm AT guns were seen on the Furtlitz Kasernne on Furtlitzstrasse. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

11. On 26 May, about 400 men organized in three blocks fell in at the barracks installation on Umentrasse. Twenty, 82-mm and 30-mm were lined up there. Three tents of 6 x 2.5 meters and two field kitchens were seen in the northern part of the building area. Trucks [redacted] each towing a 100-mm AT gun entered the installation. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

12. On 25 May, three half-tracks with personnel carriers, each towing a 100-mm AT gun drove along Furtlitz under Soviet guard into the city. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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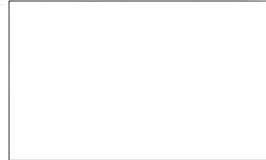
(1) [redacted] the elements of the corps Army Brig of the LOK 13. Little German could be carried in the Furtlitz Kasernne and, partly, in the barracks installation on Umentrasse. The strengths estimates appear to be valid for both groups. No information available that strength does not exceed about 1,500 troops. The information on the units, to a large extent, came from the primitive observations, although the Germans

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AT guns are reported from Rostock for the first time. The 20 guns of heavier caliber mentioned in paragraph 4 may be 100-mm AT guns or 120-mm or 152-mm guns. [redacted] it is believed 50X1-HUM possible that the unit is equipped with 120-mm or 152-mm artillery pieces. As the AT artillery insignia was observed with only about 40 percent of the soldiers of the brigade, the brigade probably is a mixed AT artillery and artillery unit. The 37-mm AA guns [redacted] 50X1-HUM

indicate the presence of components of the 3d Gds

AA Div in the Pribitz Kaserne, although no information has yet been 50X1-HUM received that units of this division had been shipped to Rostock. 50X1-HUM

(2) The restricted area is located in Rostock-Gartenstadt. [redacted]

(3) Possibly a temporary Komendatura or similar agency.

(4) [redacted] the Fluzeplate Kaserne was occupied by 1,000 50X1-HUM troops in mid-May 1952. [redacted]

(5) [redacted] a firing range is located on Rostock Heath, just west of Minrichshagen. The range is possibly used for practices by units in Rostock. [redacted]

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[redacted] there is a connection between this firing range and a large parking area which, in early June 1952, was determined in the woods east of Doberan and in which [redacted] the 9th Sig Regt of the Second Gds Mecc Army was seen. [redacted]

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